

Public Programs

Saturday History Programs

The last Saturday of each month at 2:00 PM in our auditorium, we show a different 20 - 40 minute video on our "big screen." The *Ancient Kentucke Historical Association* continues the series. A speaker will accompany each video to answer questions you might have. The program topic will be announced one month in advance.

Probing the Wonders of the Falls

August 12, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (limit 30)
Discover the Falls of the Ohio with author and educator Kenny Karem. He will guide you through a number of activities in his book. Participate in a variety of interactive activities for all ages. The resource book is available through our park gift shop for \$7.95 .

Canoe Hikes August 26, Sept. 9, 23, Oct. 7
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

A pleasant way to discover wildlife and seldom-seen fossils is to paddle the falls area. Join the interpretive naturalists and see the park as few are able. Bring your own canoe and pfd (personal floatation device) or rent it from Canoe Kentucky (www.canoekentucky.com). A sack lunch or snack and camera are optional. Pre-register so we can contact you if river levels force us to cancel. Meet at the Interpretive Center parking lot at 9:00 AM.

Educator Workshops

The Falls of the Ohio State Park strives to be a leader in educator workshops. We focus on geology, paleontology and archaeology. In-service credit is available with most programs for Jefferson County Public School participants. Contact us for information on how our workshops can help

improve your classroom instruction to Indiana or Kentucky science standards. Pre-registration is required.

Building a Geology “Museum to Go” Trunk for Your Classroom

June 15, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (limit 20)
This in-service will focus on creating a geology collection with activities for use in the classroom. Participants will each select ~100 rocks, minerals, fossils and shells from a very large collection donated for educational use. (Bring your own boxes to hold and old newspapers to wrap the specimens.) Session will include how to use and care for the collection as well as how to get students involved in a classroom museum – a taste of a real museum career. \$20 materials fee

Field Paleontology Institute

June 20 - 22, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (limit 20)
How do I get fossils for the classroom? Are there other ways to use fossils in activities for students? What are the best resources available? This three-day workshop combines collecting fossils in the field with activities using those fossils in the classroom. Participants take two excursions to collect Ordovician and Silurian/Devonian fossils (which you can keep) as well as explore the park’s fossil bed (where you can observe, but not collect).

Field Paleontology Institute – Discovery Day

June 26, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (limit 20)
Participants will collect a variety of different types of Mississippian-age fossils in the morning. Afternoon time is used for identification. Shale can be used for in-class collecting activities. It is recommended (but not required) that participants take the three-day Field Paleontology Institute. For in class fossil digs, bring a 5 gallon bucket and a small shovel.

Understanding Evolution & Adaptation

June 27 & 28, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (limit 30) In partnership with the Louisville Zoo. This workshop designed to help teachers and other interested educators better understand the unifying scientific concept of evolution and will explore such questions as: What is science? What is the difference between a scientific theory and a belief? How do we tell geologic time? What is Natural Selection? Participants will learn a number of creative activities that can be put to use in the classroom. Content appropriate for grades 6 – 12. Fee \$35

Project Archaeology

June 29 & 30, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (limit 25)
Like Project WILD, this national curriculum was developed to help the classroom teacher by providing interactive lessons that are fun and meaningful. The workshop begins with a brief background in the archaeology of the Ohio River region, presented by an archaeologist. Participants are invited to try out tools and games that ancient people used, such as the drill and atl-atl. Classroom activities center on archaeological techniques that allow us to learn how ancient people lived. A Native American guest speaker shares insights on traditional culture and a personal view on archaeology. Participants can obtain a copy of "Intrigue of the Past" for \$10.

Using the Geological Survey at as an Educator Resource, Fossil Festival

September 16, 9:30 AM - 10:45 PM (limit 30)
Instructor: Jeff Kirby, Indiana Geological Survey;
11:00 to 12:30 PM Steve Greb, Kentucky Geological Survey
Our geological surveys have wonderful web-based resources for educators and students. Education specialist from each organization will present an interactive work shop to allow you to discover what is available. Home school educators and earth science enthusiasts are welcome to attend!

2006 Program and Exhibits

Falls of the Ohio State Park

201 West Riverside Dr.
Clarksville, Indiana

Details of events and programs may not be available until closer to the event date. For more information about specific programs, please call us at:
(812) 280-9970
info@fallsoftheohio.org

For general information, check out:
<http://www.fallsoftheohio.org>

Unless noted, events are free with regular admission to the Interpretive Center.

Temporary Exhibits

Lewis & Clark Mysteries of the West

Through March 28, 2006

An account of the expedition from Fort Mandan to Fort Clatsop. This exhibit focuses on the people and wondrous sites the expedition encountered as part of the bicentennial commemoration.

Archaeology of Southern Indiana

April 9 – August 6

This exhibit will look at evidence of early cultures in southern Indiana through artifacts and interpretation of archaeological research. Sponsored by the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society.

The Nature of Shells

August 19 – November 26

Focuses on the wonder of shells -- particularly the symmetry, color, patterns and natural history -- using a display of modern and extinct species. What are the differences between the varieties of shelled animals? When did shells appear in the geological record? How have they adapted to live in different ecosystems? A marine aquarium with an array of snails and clams will be featured as part of the exhibit.

Lewis and Clark: Homeward Bound

December 9 – March 11, 2007

An account of the third year of the expedition, from Ft. Clatsop to St. Louis. Details what they observed, perils, etc. What did they bring home? What were the lasting effects of the expedition? Third of a three-part exhibit to commemorate the bicentennial.

Special Events

Parking fee for events with asterisk(*) at \$1 per vehicle

Falls Garden Fair

Feb. 25

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

This annual garden fair is in partnership with The Daylily Society of Louisville, Sunnyside Master Gardeners and Kentuckiana Herb Society (organizations that maintain gardens around the Interpretive Center). Speakers will cover pruning, seed starting, planning your garden for year round interest and attracting wildlife to your back yard. Garden questions can be answered at information booths by the garden clubs. A seed swap will be held as well, so bring your extra seeds to trade!

Earth Day*

April 15

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Environmental groups share ideas for being good stewards of the Earth, and local businesses celebrate Earth Day with demonstrations of Earth friendly products. Special programs include live animals.

Ohio River Sweep

June 17

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We coordinate the Clark County effort as part of a multi-state program. Join us - and bring along some friends! We welcome scouts, schools and civic organizations to volunteer and help us clean up the riverbank.

Sun Circle Celebration*

June 23 & 24

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

A Native American arts and crafts festival. Try your hand at atlatl throwing, check out the vendors' crafts and food. Enjoy native music, art, storytelling, and more!

Archaeology Day

September 2

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Join local archaeologists at the park for a day of hands-on activities. Participate in a mock dig or try your hand at using primitive tools. Bring in your artifacts for identification and learn how they were used by ancient people. A special exhibit will be set up in the lobby. Guest speaker at 2:00 PM. Sponsored by the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society.

Falls Fossil Festival*

September 16 (9:00

AM - 6:00 PM) - 17 (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Our largest event with vendors and food, children's activities, Hanson's Quarry fossil dig, fascinating speakers, free resources, door prizes, special fossil bed hikes, and more! Free rock, mineral and fossil identification, so bring in your unknowns! See the festival web site for details:

http://www.fallsoftheohio.org/fossil_festival.shtml

Sponsored by the Clarksville Riverfront

Foundation with additional support from the Kyana Geological Society, Kentucky Paleontological Society and Indiana Society for Paleontology.

Rock the Rocks

September 22

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gala fund raising event for the Clarksville Riverfront Foundation—the park's "friends group." Music! Food! Silent auction! Tickets \$50 per person. Contact the foundation at 283-4999 for more information.

Raptor Day

October 14

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Watch and learn about birds of prey. Two programs with live raptors are offered at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Owl pellet investigations at 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Area birding groups will be at the Interpretive Center to guide bird watching from the deck and answer questions.

Lewis and Clark Return 1806 - 2006

Nov. 4 & 5 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

At the George Rogers Clark Home Site

An 1800's reenactment at the George Rogers Clark Home Site of the Falls of the Ohio State Park on Harrison Avenue commemorating Lewis and Clark's return from their famous expedition to the Pacific. There are activities for everyone to enjoy, including historic games and music, as well as demonstrations by period craftsman. Sponsored in part by the Clarksville Historical Society.

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Call 283-4999 for more information.

Summer Children's Program

The Falls of the Ohio is a great place for kids to learn about science and history. Each week-long half-day program encourages children to discover fossils, nature, native people and local history, art, and more. Through a variety of projects and make-and-take activities, kids explore the Interpretive Center and fossil beds to discover the exciting world we live in! Some programs are coordinated through area schools and others are open to families. All programs are half-day, morning or afternoon. Dates:

June 5 – 9: \$40

June 12 – 16: \$40

July 5 – 7: \$24

July 24 – 28: \$40

Young Paleontologist Camp

July 13 - 15 and 18 - 20, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Registration limit - 10 children per session

Children ages 9 to 14 are invited to discover what being a paleontologist is all about. Includes several collecting trips - parent or guardian participation *is required*. Contact us for more information. Cost is \$40 per child.